

DRAM205: PHYSICAL THEATRE IN SOUTH AFRICA AND THE AFRICAN DIASPORA

- A style of theatre that breaks the conventions and boundaries of drama and dance ...
- A style of theatre that uses whatever the creators need in order to communicate ...
- A style of theatre making that comes at a time in history when there is a need to find new ways to tell stories ...
- A style of theatre that uses the BODY as the primes means of communications ... what we call *“the politics of the body”*



“The Politics of the Body”

What does this mean?



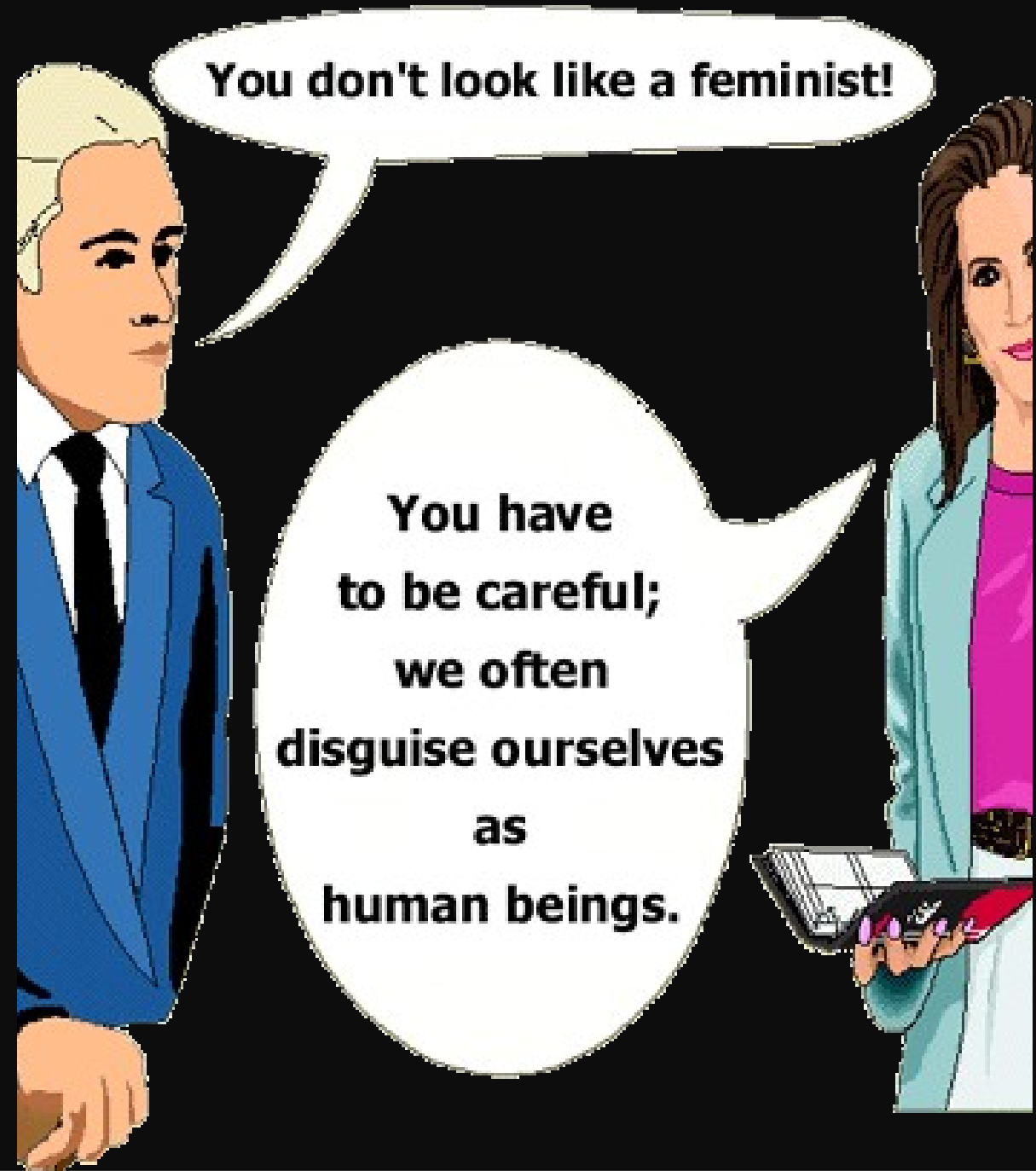
RACE

- **RACE** is a category of power (and identity).
 - How does our society offer space for people of different races?
 - What does it mean to be black?
 - What does it mean to be white?
 - What does it mean to be coloured? Indian?
 - How do we experience race IN OUR BODY?
 - How does **PHYSICAL THEATRE** respond to the politics of race?
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GENDER

- **GENDER** is a category of power (and identity).
 - How does our society offer space for people of different genders?
 - What does it mean to be female?
 - What does it mean to be male?
 - What does it mean to be part of the gender continuum of LGBTQI+?
 - How do we experience gender **IN OUR BODY**?
 - How does **PHYSICAL THEATRE** respond to the politics of gender?
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CLASS

- **CLASS** is a category of power (and identity).
- How does our society offer space for people of different classes?
- What does it mean to be rich?
- What does it mean to be poor?
- How do we experience class **IN OUR BODY**?
- How does **PHYSICAL THEATRE** respond to the politics of class?



Other categories of power (and identity)

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- **Nation** (*histories and legacies - decolonial debates ...*)
 - **Sexuality - LGBTQI+**
 - **Disability**
 - **Religion**
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THE BODY AS ARCHIVE

1. What is an archive?
2. What is the value of an archive?

HISTORY + MEMORY + MEANING

- **How can the BODY be an archive?**

"I want to talk about the Black body as a moving ancestral archive..."

Wanalisa Xaba (20 May 2021)

<https://culture-review.co.za/the-black-body-as-a-moving-ancestral-archive>

